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BUCHAREST VISIT

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1. SPEAKING TO REPORTERS IN HYDERABAD, SIND, JANUARY 3, PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO SAID THAT DURING HIS FEBRUARY VISIT TO WASHINGTON HE WOULD DISCUSS BILATERAL RELATIONS AND ANY MATTER OF MUTUAL OR US INTEREST RAISED BY PRESIDENT FORD. BHUTTO DECLINED COMMENT WHEN ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD RAISE THE QUESTION OF RESUMPTION OF US ARMS SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN. THE PRIME MINISTER CRITICIZED UNNAMED OPPOSITION LEADERS WHO HAD SUGGESTED THAT BHUTTO WOULD SEEK "CHARITY" IN THE FORM OF GRAIN OR LOANS WHILE IN THE US. BHUTTO ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT PAKISTAN'S ECONOMIC AND FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION MIGHT BE COVERED.

2. BHUTTO LISTED SEVERAL MULTILATERAL QUESTIONS WHICH HE MIGHT DISCUSS WITH PRESIDENT FORD, INCLUDING REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AND FOOD CRISES.

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EM THE PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD VISIT ROMANIA,
WITH WHICH COUNTRY PAKISTAN ENJOYED VERY GOOD RELATIONS,
ON HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON. THE VISIT CAME IN RESPONSE
TO PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S INVITATION EXTENDED DURING THE
LATTER'S EARLY 1973 VISIT TO PAKISTAN.
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